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UGH..

A comic panel showing two characters from the chest up. On the left, a character with dark skin, a black bucket hat, and a black long-sleeved shirt looks on with a concerned expression. On the right, a character with light skin, a grey bucket hat, and a white long-sleeved shirt looks on with a similar expression. A large, solid black hand is reaching out from the left side of the frame, its fingers slightly curled. The background is a dark, textured wall.

THAT'S...
DISGUSTING...



A comic panel showing a close-up of the light-skinned character from the previous panel. He is wearing his grey bucket hat and white long-sleeved shirt. He has a wide-eyed, shocked expression on his face. A large speech bubble is positioned to his left, and a smaller one is at the bottom right. The background is the same dark, textured wall.

SO THAT'S WHY
YOU WEAR LONG
SLEEVES AND
ALWAYS SCRATCH
YOURSELF...

I HAD NO IDEA
YOU HAD THIS
KINDA DISEASE...

A man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a brown collared shirt, is shown from the chest up. He has a somber expression and is looking down. The background is a dark, textured grey.

OF COURSE,
I'VE BEEN GETTING
TREATMENT AND
TAKING MEDICATION
TO STOP IT FROM
SPREADING...

IF I STOP TAKING THE MEDS,
THE LESIONS WILL PROBABLY
GET WORSE...

STOP IT FROM
SPREADING...?

YOU MEAN IT CAN'T
BE COMPLETELY
HEALED?



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ACTUALLY... RIGHT NOW,
DOCTORS DON'T HAVE
A CURE FOR IT.

A close-up illustration of a man with dark hair and glasses. He has a visible laceration on his forehead with some blood. He has a pained or distressed expression, with his mouth slightly open. He is wearing an orange garment. The background is dark and out of focus.

YOU'VE GOTTA TAKE
MEDICATION AND
DEAL WITH IT FOR
YOUR WHOLE LIFE.

STILL, ISN'T IT BETTER
TO HAVE THIS THAN TO
HAVE TO DIE RIGHT
NOW?



S-SO... THERE'S
NO OTHER WAY
TO GET OUTTA
HERE?

NO OTHER WAY
STANDS AS MUCH OF
A CHANCE AS THIS ONE...

IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL,
IT COULD COST US
OUR LIVES

I DON'T KNOW
ABOUT THIS...



WHAT..?

A comic panel depicting a tense moment between two men. On the left, a man with dark hair, wearing a grey jacket, is seen from the back, looking towards the right. On the right, a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a yellow shirt, is looking back at him. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. Four speech bubbles are present, indicating a conversation.

YOU REALLY DON'T
LIKE US, DO YOU?

IS THIS YOUR WAY OF
GETTING REVENGE
ON US?

NOW'S NOT
THE TIME...!

WHAT DID
YOU SAY...?

I GUESS IT IS
A BIT HARD TO
UNDERSTAND..

TO BE HONEST,
I REALLY CAN'T
STAND THE TWO
OF YOU..I

ALL THROUGHOUT THE TRIP
YOU'VE BEEN MOCKING ME..
YOU RUINED THE TRUCK..
AND THIS SITUATION RIGHT NOW
IS BOTH OF YOUR FAULT..

I JUST WANTED TO
LEAVE BOTH OF YOU HERE
TO DIE A MISERABLE
DEATH..

BUT HOW COULD
I LET ANOTHER
HUMAN BEING
SUFFER..I



AND BESIDES, I'M YOUR GUIDE...
I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU UNTIL
THE VERY END...!

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SO, THAT
DISEASE--

IF YOU JUST MANAGE
IT WELL, IT DOESN'T AFFECT
YOUR LIFESTYLE.
DOES IT?



AT FIRST, THERE'LL BE
SOME NASTY SCARS
ON YOUR BODY...

IF YOU GET TREATMENT
QUICKLY, YOU CAN
MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE
FROM THEM, THOUGH...

AND YOU HAVE TO
DEAL WITH TAKING
MEDICATION FOR
THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

THIS STILL SEEMS
FISHY TO ME..!

"YOU NEED TO
CATCH THE DISEASE
TO LIVE"--!!

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IF YOU'RE SO SUSPICIOUS
THEN DON'T DO IT..

WHAT..!!?



LOOK AT
MY BODY.



PULL



AS YOU CAN SEE,
IT'S A NASTY
DISEASE.

SOME PEOPLE
WOULD RATHER DIE
THAN HAVE IT...





BUT IF I WERE GONNA
TRICK YOU, LIKE YOU
SEEM TO THINK...

I WOULD TELL YOU
THINGS LIKE:
"IT'S EASY TO TREAT,"
"IT'S NOT AS BAD AS
IT SEEMS."

"IT CAN BE CURED."







Y-YOU SAID
IT'S TRANSMITTED
THROUGH BLOOD,
RIGHT ?



SO WE'D HAVE TO
CUT YOU AND
THEN TAKE SOME
OF YOUR BLOOD?

WHAT'RE YOU
TALKING ABOUT..!



IT'S STILL BETTER
THAN DYING HERE
LIKE THIS!

THINK ABOUT IT!

WE DON'T KNOW FOR
SURE THAT THOSE
NATIVES ARE PLANNING
ON KILLING US!



ARE YOU REALLY GONNA
TAKE A CHANCE LIKE THAT
ON HIS WORD ALONE..?

GASP..!



EVEN IF I GIVE THE
DISEASE TO YOU,
IT WON'T BE VISIBLE
RIGHT AWAY..!

IT TAKES SEVERAL HOURS
FOR IT TO TAKE EFFECT..
THE TWO OF YOU NEED TO
MAKE A DECISION SOON!



SHUT UP..!!

STOP TRYING TO
PRESSURE US
INTO DOING THIS!



ALRIGHT, FINE..

THEN EVEN IF YOU
WANT MY HELP,
I WON'T DO ANYTHING
FOR YOU!



YOU BASTARD..
HOW DARE YOU
THREATEN ME..!!

UGH..!

I'M GONNA TELL
THEM TO LET US
GO RIGHT NOW..!

TURN















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GIVE ME..



THAT DISEASE..



WHAT? I
ARE YOU NUTS, ?

IT'S ALMOST
DAYLIGHT..!

HAVING THAT DISEASE
STILL BEATS DYING..!

SNAP OUT
OF IT..!

PLEASE...
DO IT QUICKLY..!





ALRIGHT...

I'LL HELP YOU..





AGH..!



OKAY,
LET'S BEGIN..!

IF THIS IS A LIE,
YOU'LL BE SORRY..!





THIS IS CRAZY..

To be continued..